In this unit you will learn

the third basic structure, linking two or more nouns.

New Words: الإدارة al-'idara Administration

Essential Vocabulary

rukhsa rukhas licence رخصة رخص rukhsa rukhas licence

darība darā'ib tax ضريبة ضرائب

jumruk customs عقد عقود 9aqd 9uqud contract

qism aqsām department قسم أقسام qism aqsām department مرة غر المام da'ira dawa'ir مرة غر

directorate اليوم al-youm today

daf9 madfū9āt payment دفع مدفوعات

Reference Vocabulary

iqtisad economy, economics زراعة zira9a agriculture

siyāsa policy, politics سیاسة

mālīya Financial Affairs مالية mālīya Financial Affairs

naft oil داخلت

difa9 defence دفاع

Basic Structures, 3: The Construct

2 Write the two nouns

an office مكتب مكتب the manager

put these two together as they stand, and you have:

maktab al-mudir the manager's office مكتب المدير

New read and write:

the company الشركة الشركة

Now read and write the company office or the company's office:

سكتب الشركة مكتب الشركة مكتب الثرك

Now read and write these expressions, which are exactly similar in form:

the manager's house بيت المدير بيت المدير المحال عقد العمال عقد العمال عقد العمال عقد العمال العمال عقد العمال (9aqd) the workers' contract my colleague's work my colleague's work (tasjīl) car ('cars') registration طريق المطار طريق المطار المطار

Simply by putting two nouns together, with no other words at all, we build an association between them. The nature of this association is often possession, but not always.

This type of expression is our third basic structure; it is called a construct. We have to observe two simple rules in making a construct:

- the qualifying noun (סבית) follows the qualified noun (סבית);
 think of the word-order of the leg of the table; so: the office of the manager.
- only the last noun can have a definite 'marker', i.e. either the article
 ... | (Units 2 and 3) or a possessive ending (Unit 9); the first noun must remain indefinite in form.
- * Remember (Unit 2) that when a noun is used generally or universally ('cars'), Arabic makes it definite, unlike English.

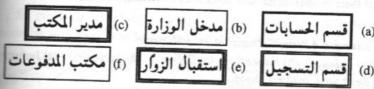
Construct Rule 1: In a construct, only the last noun can have the article or a possessive ending.

Now read and write a couple of constructs with a proper name as last noun:

aḥmad) Aḥmad's office مكتب احمد مكتب احمد (aḥmad) Aḥmad's office اقتصاد مصر اقتصاد معم

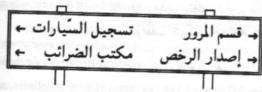
These are still correct: the first noun is indefinite in form, and the last noun is definite because it is a proper noun or name, which is definite by

Exercise 1 Read aloud and translate the following nameplates, which are all in the form of constructs:



Exercise 2 Put each pair into a construct. Read it out and translate it: (a) مكتب، عقود (b) قسم، هندسة (c) تأمين، بيتي (d) شغل، وزارة

Exercise 3 Which way, right or left, to (a) Traffic Department 5) Tax Office (c) Car Registration (d) Issue of Licences? Read each direction aloud:



The answers to these exercises follow paragraph 7 below.

When the first noun of a construct ends in ..., this is pronounced -at. In handwriting we always write the dots of 5 here. Write the word for ministry:

read and write Ministry of Labour, and note the pronunciation of be first noun:

write the same construct, but replacing Labour with Economy, Foreign Affairs and Agriculture:

wizārat al-iqtisād وزارة الاقتصاد وزارة الاقتصاد Ministry of Economy wizārat al-khārijīya وزارة الخارجية وزارة الخارجيم Ministry of Foreign Affairs
وزارة الزراعة وزارة الزراعة الزراعة Ministry of Agriculture

You will notice from the last two examples that the pronunciation of **5...** (if there is one) on the *last* noun does not change. It remains -a.

Exercise 4 Write the name of each Ministry:

(a) Labour (b) Education (c) Defence (d) Agriculture (e) Industry Read your answers aloud.

Exercise 5 Repeat Exercise 4 with Directorate for Ministry.

The answers to these exercises are given after paragraph 7 below.

3 Now read and write the following constructs:

مدیر بنك مربر بنك مر

Do you see the difference? The last noun is now indefinite, making the whole construct indefinite in meaning. Compare definite and indefinite constructs with identical original elements. *Read and write:*

mudir al-bank the bank manager مدير البنك مدير البنك mudir bank a bank manager

Remember that only the last noun, i.e. the qualifier, changes, not the first noun.

You will meet definite constructs far more often than indefinite ones.

Construct Rule 2: A construct is definite or indefinite according to whether the last noun is definite or indefinite.

Exercise 6 Make indefinite constructs with these pairs of nouns. Read aloud and translate your answers:

The answers to this exercise follow paragraph 7 below.

4 So much for constructs consisting of two nouns. We also have constructs with more than two nouns. Read and write:

We can call this one a *compound* construct: it has one first noun and the construct or qualifying nouns.

Here is another variant. Read and write:

We can call this one a string construct; each noun except the last one is qualified, and made definite, by the next noun.

In these two types, as in all constructs, the two construct rules given in paragraphs 2 and 3 above still apply.

Arabic treats the construct as a unit. An adjective is not allowed to meterrupt it. Any adjective must follow the whole construct, even if confusion results. Read and write:

will meet the construct, especially the definite two-noun variety maktab al-mudir, paragraph 2 above) countless times in notices, signs, was paper headlines and the like.

In Unit 3 we learned the important preposition J li 'to, for'. J can mean of, and it often allows us to make expressions which have the

same meaning as a construct, but avoiding its constraints. With J we can use the article, adjectives etc. for example, just as we wish. **Read and** write these constructs, already familiar to you:

مدير البنك مدير البنك غرة الشركة نمرة الشرك غرة تلفون المكتب نمره تلغوك المكتب غرة الشركة الجديدة نمرة الشرك الحدير،

Now see how they can all be re-expressed using J. Read and write:

al-mudīr li-l-bank المدير للبنك المدير للبنك المدير للبنك an-numra li-sh-sharika النمرة الشركة النمرة الشركة المكتب غرة التلفون للمكتب غرة التلفون للمكتب numrat at-tilifon li-l-maktab النمرة الجديدة ** الفره للشرك الجديره an-numra li-sh-sharika l-jadīda li-sh-sharika

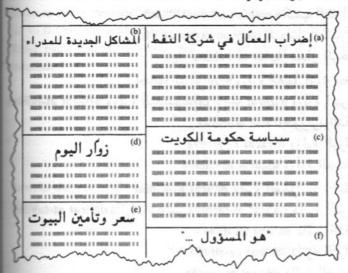
- * In this example we have a construct combined with a J expression.
- ** Using J here makes it clear what is new: the company or its number.
 You will see this use of J in many advertisements, headlines and notices.

7 Descriptions, Equations and Constructs

We have studied three basic structures. It may be useful to summarise and compare their commonest forms here, to avoid confusion:

	1st Part	2nd Part	Example
Description	definite	definite	the big office المكتب الكبير
	indefinite	indefinite	a big office مكتب كبير
Equation	definite	indefinite	The office is big.
Construct	indefinite in form	definite	the manager's offer
		indefinite	a manager's office

Exercise 7 Read out and translate these newspaper report headings:



Which expressions are constructs? Definite? Indefinite? Any compound' or 'string' constructs (paragraph 4 above)? What are mose expressions which are not constructs?

The answers are given immediately below.

Answers to Exercises

Exercise 1 (a) qism al-hisabat Accounts Department

- b) madkhal al-wizāra Ministry Entrance
- mudir al-maktab Office Manager
- d) qism at-tasjil Registration Department
- e) istiqbal az-zuwwar Visitor ('Visitors') Reception
- maktab al-madfū9āt Payments Office

maktab al-9uqud Contracts Office مكتب العقود (a) عصلت العقود (maktab al-9uqud Contracts Office

- qism al-handasa Engineering Department قسم الهندسة (6)
- ta'mīn baytī my house insurance
- shughl al-wizāra the ministry's work شغل الوزارة الله

Exercise 3 (a) قسم المرور qism al-murūr, right

- (b) مكتب الضرائب maktab ad-darā'ib, left
- (c) تسجيل السيارات tasjīl as-sayyārāt, left
- (d) إصدار الرخص işdar ar-rukhaş, right

wizārat al-9amal وزارة العمل (Exercise 4 (a)

- wizārat at-ta9līm وزارة التعليم,wizārat at-tarbiya وزارة التربية (b)
- (c) وزترة الدفاع wizārat ad-difā9
- (d) وزارة الزراعة wizārat az-zirā9a
- (e) وزارة الصناعة wizārat aş-şinā9a

Exercise 5 (a) دائرة العمل dā'irat al-9amal

- dā'irat at-ta9līm دائرة التعليم,dā'irat at-tarbiya دائرة التربية (b)
- (c) دائرة الدفاء da'irat ad-difa9
- da'irat az-zirā9a دائرة الزراعة (d)
- (e) دائرة الصناعة dă'irat aş-şinā9a

ra'is wizāra head of a ministry رئيس وزارة (Exercise 6 (a)

- (b) مدير شركة mudīr sharika a company manager
- (c) غرة سيارة numrat sayyāra a car number
- tasjil 9aqd registration of a contract تسجيل عقد (d)

Exercise 7 (a) idrāb al-9ummāl fī sharikat an-naft Workers' Strike in ('the') Oil Company, two definite constructs connected with fī

- (b) al-mashākil al-jadīda li-l-mudarā' Managers' New Problems, not a construct but a definite description (Unit 9) and expression with
- (c) siyāsat ḥukūmat al-kuwayt Kuwait Government Policy, definite 'string' construct
- (d) zuwwār al-youm Today's Visitors, definite construct
- (e) si9r wa-ta'mīn al-buyūt Cost and Insurance of ('the') Houses, definite compound construct
- (f) huwa l-mas'ūl, He is the one responsible, not a construct but an equation with a definite second part (Unit 10).

Tests

Make as many meaningful constructs as possible, using a word from

(a) to (e) as first noun and a word from (f) to (k) as second noun.

Read each construct aloud and translate it. Is it definite or indefinite?

(c) مكتب	(b) مدير	(a) وزارة
	(e) مشاكل	(d) دائرة
(h) الجمرك	(g) التجارة	(f) الشركة
	(k) زمیل	(j) الخارجية

Rewrite the word, filling in the missing letter. Read your answer aloud.

Rewrite these constructs as expressions with J. Read your answer aloud and translate it.

Make these expressions plural. Read your answer aloud and ranslate it:

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Review

You are now armed with a total vocabulary of just over 300 words, and three very important structures. Together, these should make intelligible much of what you see around you in signs, notices and advertisements.

You now have the knowledge to copy an unknown word or phrase accurately and later ask an Arab about it. Don't be shy about your pronunciation; listen to what you hear around you and try to imitate it, bearing in mind the brief instructions given in this book. Speak up. You learn by doing.

We now move on to the numbers, the time and the date.

In this unit you will learn

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the clock and the calendar.

al-waqt wa-n-nuqud Time and Money الوقت والنقود * :Words

Essential Vocabulary

shahr ashhur month شهر أشهر ba9d az-zuḥr afternoon بعد الط şabāḥ morning صباحاً şabāḥan a.m. tārīkh tawārīkh date تاريخ توالي

jinayh pound (£)

şarraf money changer صراف dirham darahim dirham درهم دراهم

daqīqa daqā'iq minute دقيقة دقا sarf exchange صرف

zuhr midday ظهر dolar dollar دولار

dīnār danānīr dinar دينار دنات mudda mudad period مدة مدد

maṣrif maṣārif bank مصرف مصارف * maṣrif maṣārif bank youm ayyam day يوم أيام sana sanawāt year

fulūs (inanimate فلوس, علي speech, use the popular words for money) فلوس and bank, بنك بنوك, the latter already known to you.

Look back to Unit 7, paragraph 4, for the explanation of the Arabic

be officially correct pronunciation of the numbers, and their variable meling as words, is complicated. Most Arabs (including educated have difficulty with it; they prefer to use a greatly simplified allocatial pronunciation, and to avoid writing the figures in words. You managly advised to do the same. The colloquial pronunciation varies, wersion given below is understood and accepted by all Arabs. the pronunciation you will find the variable official spellings, for ition only. For once you are not being asked to 'Read and Write':

şifr (صفر) wāḥid(a) (واحد\واحدة) 1 1 wāḥid(a) ithnayn, thintayn (اثنان\اثنتن\اثنتنا)

We need to note:

- wāḥid and ithnayn are masculine, wāḥida and thintayn feminine. In counting without a noun, we use the masculine form.
- Numbers 3 to 10 have only one spoken form. A noun following number from 3 to 10 is made plural:

It may be enough for you to know the numbers up to 10; that suffice for reading out any number. In that case, do Exercise 1 below and statemere. You can, if you wish, skim through paragraphs 3 to 7 below at treat them as reference material.

Exercise 1 In this fragment of the telephone book, find the numbers (a) Hassan Abu Issa (b) Jamal Abu Issa (c) Hamad Abu Issa

(أبو عينين)			-1-
707477	أبو عيسي جابر	1 777727	Ž:
ELAOTY	أبو عيسي جمال	EARTEY	
TTTV47	أبو عيسى جميل	ETAVEL	31
172711	أبو عيسى جميلة	41970E	5
APYFYF	أبو عيسى حسن	7509.4	
017.70	أبو عيسى حسني	443544	
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The answers to this exercise follow paragraph 7 below.

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If you wish to go further with the numbers, here are first eleven to nty, in colloquial pronunciation without the script:

ihd9ashar 12 17 ithn9ashar 14 thalatt9ashar 14 12 arba9t9ashar 10 khamst9ashar 16 ٦ sitt9ashar 14 sab9at9ashar 18 ٨ thamant9ashar 29 14 tis9at9ashar 20 4.

The tens from thirty to ninety:

thalathin 40 €. arba9īn khamsin 60 7. sittin

sab9īn 80 A. thamanin, thamanivin

9ishrin

tis9īn

compounds with the tens are assembled like 'five-and-twenty' with the and, pronounced colloquially u-. Pronounce:

= 11 wāḥid u-9ishrīn 32 TT i<u>th</u>nayn u-<u>th</u>alā<u>th</u>īn

mom one hundred upwards, you need to recognise in script only a mandred, a thousand and a million:

*mīya مئة\مائة mīya alf ألف ١٠٠٠ مليون **I** million milyūn

Here are the duals, without the script:

۲. . mitayn alfayn I million milyūnayn

Then the other compounds, for which we use the singular of hundred me the plurals of thousand and million:

300-900 1 · · - T · · thalathmiya, arba9mīya, khamsmīya, mmiya, saba9miya, thamanmiya, tisa9miya*

miya and its multiples become mit before a noun:

۱۰۰ mīt muwazzaf 100 employees

٥٠٠ khamsmīt sana 500 years

3000-9000 A···- T··· thalātha, arba9a (etc.) tālāf (NB)
3-9 million A···· - T··· thalātha (etc.) malāyīn

Read these higher compound numbers now. Note how we have u- and between the elements:

187 sittmiya u-thnayn u-arba9în

TEAA thalatha talaf u-'arba9mīya u-tis9a u-thamanīn

A noun following a number takes different forms depending on the number. Don't be confused by the different forms - you will sometimes see singulars, with or without tanwin (Unit 6, paragraph 3), and sometimes plurals. There is no need to learn the rules; simply read the noun as you see it:

Exercise 2 Translate:

Exercise 3 Write these numbers in Arabic figures:

(a) 450 (b) 2028 (c) 779 439

(b) 2028 (c) 779 4391 (d) 404 836 (e) 99-2440

The answers to these exercises follow paragraph 7 below.

4 Ordinal numbers

The ordinal numbers ('first, second, third') are not difficult, and the official pronuncation is used. We need learn only 'first' to 'twelfth'. The ordinal numbers are almost always definite. Read and write:

the 1st الأولى m الأولى al-'awwal, f. الأولى الأولى al-'ūla
the 2nd الثّانية ath-thānī, f. الثّاني الثاني الثاني ath-thānī, f. الثّاني الثاني ath-thānīya
the 3rd الثّالث ath-thālith, f. الثّالث الثالث

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the 4th	الرابع	الرابع	ar-rābi9
the 5th	الخاسي	الخامس	al- <u>kh</u> āmis
the 6th	الارس	السّادس	as-sādis
the 7th	السابع	السّابع	as-sābi9
the 8th	الثاس	الثامن	a <u>th-th</u> āmin
the 9th	الماسع	التاسع	at-tāsi9
the 10th	العاحر	العاشر	al-9ā <u>sh</u> ir
t 11th	شر المحادي عشر	الحادي ع	al-ḥādī 9a <u>sh</u> ar
the 12th	شر الثاني عشر	الثّاني عن	a <u>th-th</u> ánī 9a <u>sh</u> ar
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were the stress in the f. form thániya (not thānīya). The ordinals from the upwards make their feminine form in the usual way.

will often find ordinal numbers first to tenth used in construct, metead of as an adjective. In the construct, both parts are indefinite but, managely, the meaning is definite; and the m. form is always used, even a f. noun. Read and write:

have to write Arabic ordinals as words; there is no way of writing tem with figures.

Fractions and percentage

we need only half, third and quarter from the fractions. Read and

nisf ansāf half نصف أنصاف نصف انعاق thulth athlāth third ثلث ثلث اثلاث الملاث علات الملاث rub9 arbā9 quarter thulthayn two-thirds ثلثين // 0 · khamsîn bi-l-mîya 50%

Clock

One o'clock is الساعة الواحدة as-sa9a l-wahida. Time on the hour above one is written as e.g. the ninth hour, in definite form. At is Read and write:

fi-s-sā9a r-rābi9a في الساعة الرابعة في الساعم الرابعم at four o'clock as-sa9a th-thániya الساعة الثانيم

Time in the first half-hour is written as follows. Read and write:

الساعة الثالثة وخمس دقائق الساعه الثالثه وخمس دقائق (wa-khamsa daqā'iq) five past three

الساعة السابعة والربع الساعة التاسعة والربع (wa-r-rub9) a quarter past seven الساعة التاسعة والثلث الساعة التاسعة والثلث (wa-th-thulth) twenty past nine الساعة الثامنة والنصف

(wa-n-nisf) half-past eight

Time in the second half-hour is written in the same way, but with Y illa 'except for, minus' and the next hour. Read and write:

الساعة الرابعة إلا عشر دقائق الساعه الرابعه الآعشر وقائق (illa 9ashra daqā'iq) ten to fow المناعة الخامسة إلا الربع الساعة الخامسة إلا الربع الساعة الخامسة الآالربع (illa r-rub9) a quarter to fixe الساعة السادسة إلا الثلث الساعة السادسم الآاللث (illa th-thulth) twenty to sa

Time written in figures is shown as follows. The style of comma man vary, and may even be replaced by the letter , in typescript. Write:

V, K. V, T. 7.30 E, 18 £, 10 4.15 1.6(81. , YO 10.25

7 Calendar

Read and write the days of the week:

النبت الأحمر الأحمر الأحمر الأحمر الأحمر الأحمر الأحمر الأحمر الأثنين الاثنين الاثنين الاثنين الثلاثاء الثلاثاء الثلاثاء الثلاثاء الثلاثاء الثلاثاء الثلاثاء الأربعاء الأربعاء الأربعاء الأربعاء الخميس الخميس الخميم المحمد الجمعم المحمد الجمعم المحمد الجمعم المحمد الجمعم المحمد الجمعم المحمد الجمعم المحمد المح

The names of the days may be preceded by يوم youm day, in construct. The with a day is في:

fi youm as-sabt on Saturday في يوم السبت في يوم السبت

are the names of the months. There are two sets of names, one used frican, the other in Asian Arab countries:

	Africa		Asia	
Tomary	يناير	yanâyir	كانون الثانى	kānūn a <u>th-th</u> ānī
February	فبراير	fibrāyir	شباط	<u>sh</u> ubāţ
Kurch	مارس	māris		ā <u>dh</u> ār
Maril	أبريل	abrīl	نيسان	
May 1/11	مايو	mãyũ	أيار	ayār
line	يونيو	yūniyū	خزيران	hazīrān .
No.		yŭliyŭ	تموز	tammūz
TRASE	أغسطس	aghustus	آب	āb
totember	سبتمبر	sibtambir	أبارل	ovlál

colloquial pronunciation, almost universal.

October أكتوبر oktōbir تشرين الأول ti<u>sh</u>rīn al-awwal November نوفمبر nūfimbir نوفمبر ti<u>sh</u>rīn a<u>th-th</u>ānī December كانون الأول

The Islamic calendar is also in use in some countries. The Islamic year is 354 or 355 days long. The year-count starts from the day of the flight of the prophet Muḥammad from Mecca to Medina, in 622 AD. Here are the names of the twelve months:

Dates are expressed with for the first of the month, and the ordinanumbers thereafter. Here are two typical dates, with the (colloquian pronunciation:

ነዓለ٤\٧\٢ · 9ishrīn yūliyū/tammūz sanat alf u-tisa9mu-'arba9a u-thamānīn al-mīlādīya 20/7/1984 AD.

▲\٤\¶\V\\ awwal rajab sanat alf u-'arba9min u-tis9at9ashar al-hijrīya 25/7/1419 AH.

In these dates, م is ميلادية 'AD'; هجرية is هجرية 'AH' which is Anno Heggen the Year of the Flight.

Exercise 4 Read aloud these dates, in the Western calendar, with ball Arabic forms for each month:

Y . . 1/A/1 (c) 1999/ E/YE (b) Y . . Y/1Y/17

The answers to this exercise are on the next page.

Answers to Exercises

Exercise 1 (a) 626798 (line 5) (b) 419567 (line 2) (c) 539854 (line 9)

Exercise 2 (a) 500 riyals (b) 365 days (c) 46 dollars (d) 24 hours 2 dinars

Exercise 3 (a) £0 · (b) Y · YA (c) VV4 £741 (d) £ · £ A77 = 44-7££ ·

Exercise 4 (a) ithn9ashar disambir/kānūn al-'awwal sanat alfayn u-

arba9a u-ishrīn abrīl/nīsān sanat alf u-tisa9mīya u-tis9a
 a-tis9īn

awwal aghustus/āb sanat alfayn u-wāḥid

Test

Read aloud and translate. (The spelling of some numbers written as words will be unfamiliar. Pronounce as shown in this unit, irrespective of the spelling.):

Read out and translate the time:

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the cardinal numbers, you should use the unofficial spoken form, which is always acceptable, when reading aloud. (In fact, quoting the unbers in official form is often regarded as somewhat precious.)

writing the cardinal numbers, use the figures.

next unit we look briefly at the geography of the Arab world.

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In this unit you will learn

ar-ribāt Rabat

important vocabulary for the Arab world.

New Words: العالم العربي al-9ālam al-9arabī The Arab World

1 It is not possible to divide this vocabulary into essential and nonessential for you; only you can do that, depending on your situation and
your needs.

Vocabulary - Arab World abū zabī Abu Dhabi أبو ظبي as-sa9ūdīya Saudi al-'urdun Jordan الأردن Arabia as-sūdān Sudan السودان al-'iskandarīya Alexandria الإسكندرية al-baḥrayn Bahrain البحرين tarābulus Tripoli طرابلس baghdad Baghdad بغداد 9uman Oman عمان bayrūt Beirut بيروت 9amman Amman tūnis Tunis(ia) تونس filasţīn Palestine al-jazā'ir Algeria, Algiers al-quds Jerusalem القدس qatar Qatar al-khartum Khartoum دبي dubayy Dubai al-kuwayt Kuwa dimashq Damascus دمشق masqat Muscat ad-douha Doha الدوحة al-maghrib Morocca

al-yaman Yemen الرياض al-yaman Yemen الرياض al-yaman Yemen الأراضي المحتلة al-'arāḍī l-muḥtalla the occupied territories (العربية المتحدة) al-'imārāt (al-9arabīya l-muttaḥida) (United Arab) Emiraze

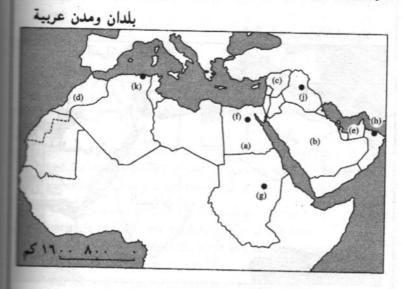
mūrītāniya Mauritanie

al-baḥr al-'abyaḍ al-mutawassiṭ البحر الأبيض المتوسط Mediterranean Se

al-baḥr al-'aḥmar the Red Sea البحر الأحمر ad-dār al-baydā' Casablanca الدار البيضاء al-kḥalīj (al-9arabī) the (Arabian) Gulf

Exercise 1 Give the Arabic names of countries (a) to (e) and cities (f) to marked on the map of the Arab world following Exercise 2 below.

Exercise 2 Situate the following places on the map:



The answers are given on the next page.

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Answers to Exercises

Exercise 1 (a) مصر (b) السعودية (c) سوريا (d) الغرب (d) الغرب (d) القاهرة (f) الإمارات العربية المتّحدة (g) مسقط (h) الخرطوم (g) القاهرة (f) الإمارات العربية المتّحدة (g) بغداد (g) بغدا

Exercise 2 This map shows the answers, and also all the Arab countries:

العالم العربي وإيطاليا وإيران



Tests

Make masculine singular relatives, and translate your answer:

Complete the calculation in Arabic figures, and read your answer aloud:

$$= \mathbf{Y} : \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{*}(b)$$

$$= \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{\pounds}(d)$$

$$= \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

Review

Congratulations. I hope some of the mystery is now unlocked for you. Keep practising, with every sign, notice, number, advertisement etc. that you set your eyes on. And write things down.

Don't forget what is said in the Introduction about roots. You can often untangle an unknown word by applying two tests:

- Do three consonants in the word also occur, in the same order, in a word which you know? If so, you have a basic meaning, and the word is probably closely associated with it.
- Is the pattern of the word familiar? Is it a participle, a verbal noun, an adjective? Is it a relative? An irregular plural?

 If that works, then you have scored in a further two areas:
 - · you know what sort of word it is,
 - · you can add the short vowels and pronounce the word.

If you get that far, you can make an informed guess at the meaning of the new word; and, knowing its function, you can use the word correctly in a structure.

Treat this book also as a reference manual. That is the main purpose of the two vocabularies and the index at the back. Don't try to learn wocabulary by heart, but rather let it come with practice.

We now move on to your final Reading Test.

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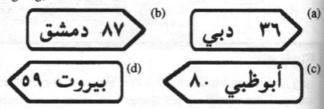
Test Your Reading

This unit tests how well you can read now. You get no help: we are under field conditions. You can do it. Use the vocabulary only in emergency. The answers are in the key at the back of the book.

Signs

Test 1

Where are we going, and how far is it?



Test 2

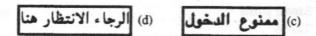
What is left, what is right, and what is straight on?



Test 3

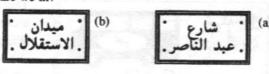
What must you do, what can't you do, and what are you requested to do?

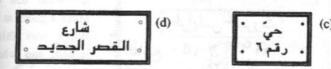




Test 4

What part of town are we in?





Headlines

Test 5

lead the headlines aloud and translate them:

« الكل ضد تقسيم العراق · ·

Small print

Test 6

Look at these items and answer the questions.



This ticket was issued by a company called Najm. What sort of ticket is it? What can you do with it? What did it cost? Make a guess at 'J.J'. When was this ticket issued, and what is its serial number?





Who issued this banknote? What are its value and its serial number Read aloud and translate the very small text at the top left-hand side which says:

Handwriting

Test 7

Match the handwritten forms (a) to (e) with the typewritten forms (f) to Read them aloud:

Test 8

Read this handwritten note aloud and translate it:

Using a directory

Test 9

Put these directory entries into alphabetical order:

Test 10

Under what Arabic word would you first look for the following in a meephone book?

- Nimr Bus Company (b) Kuwaiti Embassy (c) Munir Rais & Sons
- d Habib's Insurance (e) El-Nur Moroccan Restaurant
- that didn't work, under what word would you make your second attempt? And any further attempts?

What next?

You may want to take your new knowledge of Arabic further, and learn to read and write continuous text. This is certainly possible.

If you want to learn spoken Arabic, then bear in mind that there are differences between the written and spoken languages. Spoken Arabic is easier than written, and is best learned in transcription, since there is no official way of writing it anyway.

Here are a few suggestions for extending your study of Arabic.

Coursebooks and audio materials for self-tuition

Written Arabic:

■ Teach Yourself Arabic, J. Smart, Hodder & Stoughton, book ISBN 0340 772727, book + cassettes 0340 727735, book + CDs 0340 802812.

Spoken and written Arabic:

Arabic Today, J. Mace, Edinburgh University Press, book ISBN 0748 606165, cassette available from Edinburgh University Press, tel. +44 (0)131 650 8436, fax +44 (0)131 662 9953.

Spoken Arabic:

- Teach Yourself Gulf Arabic, J. Smart & F. Altorfer, Hodder & Stoughton, book ISBN 0340 721251, book + cassettes 0340 747471.
- Eastern Arabic, F. Rice & M. Said, Georgetown University Press, book ISBN 0878 400214; cassettes available separately.

Dictionaries See page 53.

Websites offering on-line courses

- www.i-cias.com. From Cairo, spoken and written Arabic.
- www.arabic2000.com. Several courses.

Short residential courses in the Middle East and North Africa

- www.languagesabroad.com.
- www.studyabroad.com.

Arabic script software

www.babel.uoregon.edu./yamada/fonts/arabic.htm.

A long list. Be sure to select software which provides not only the alphabet but also the essential right-to-left writing direction.

(NB: This book is set in the classic Arabic font called Baghdad)

KEY to TESTS

Ut	nit 1				
1	(b) بيتين (c) ابنى (d) اثاثى (e) نبات				
2	(b) baytáyn (c) íbnī (d) a <u>th</u> ấ <u>th</u> ī (e) nabất				
3	(b) ithnáyn (c) yābấnī (d) áyna (e) íbnī				
4	(b) بنتین (c) بنایاتی (d) بابین (e) این (f) اثاثی				
5	(b) bāb; middle alif (c) āb; alif madda (d) nabắt; middle alif (e) ithnáyn; alif at the beginning shows a short vowel (here, i)				
Ur	nit 2				
1	(b) التمويل (c) اول (d) الماني (e) ممنون				
2	(b) at-tamwîl (c) áwwal (d) almánī (e) mamnún				
3	(b) áwwal (c) ath-thálith (d) mamnún (e) an-naml				
4	(b) مُثَلِين (c) التّمويل (d) النّيلين (e) أو (f) اليابني				
5	nationalities الماني، ياباني، لبناني، ليبي nationalities الثالث، اول، اثنين، ثلاث				
	months یونیو، یولیو، آب، مایو				
	buildings البيوت، البنايات				
Un	it 3				
1	(b) الاسم (c) الممثّل (d) أنباء (e) ثنائي				
2	(b) al-ism (c) al-mumáththil (d) anbá' (e) thuná'i				
3	(b) al-lubnānīya (c) al-'almānīya (d) bi-l-'áwwal				
	(e) bi-th-thá litha				
4	(b) ياباني (c) اللبناني (d) مسؤول (e) للثالث				
5	(b) yābánī (c) al-lubnánī (d) mas'úl (e) li-th-thálith				
5	(b) اهتمام (c) الملابس (d) البيوت (e) ثانوي				

- (a) مصرير (b) المتمام (c) ممام ضروري (e) الماني
- 2 (a) miṣrīya (b) ihtimām (c) tamām (d) ḍarūrī (e) almānī
- 3 (a) al-'īrānīya (b) marīḍ (c) li-s-sūrīya (d) ibtidā'ī (e) bi-l-'almániya
- 4 (a) مالس basis, أساس basic (b) دراسة study, دراسي academic
 - (c) ادارة administration, إدارة administrative
 - (d) ليبيا Libya, للبية for the Libyan (woman)
 - (e) الإسرائيلية Israel, الإسرائيل the Israeli (woman)
- (b) dirása (c) idára (d) lībiya 5 (a) asás
- (a) المصرية (b) إدارة (c) مدير (d) الشيء (e) مريضة 6

Unit 5

- 1 (a) ash-shay' the thing (b) mas'ula responsible
 - (c) as-si9r the price (d) madkhal entrance
 - (e) al-intikhāb the election
- (b) السّنة (d) الشهر (c) الأسبوع (a) اليوم 2
- (a) صناعى industrial (b) ابتدائي initial, primary
- (c) أسبوعي weekly (d) إيطاني Italian (e) أسبوعي British (d) التأسيس (e) النهائي (c) سؤول (d) المخرج (e) الدخول (a)

- (a) şinā9a industry (b) maţār airport (c) mas'ül responsible
 - (d) wizāra ministry (e) idāra administration (f) akhbār news
 - (g) ihtijāj objection (h) sharika company (j) ow or (k) sūq market
 - (m) mathalan for example (n) mustashfa hospital
- (a) معلم mu9allim (b) مكتب maktab (c) فوراً
 - ibtidā'ī ابتدائی (d) تأسیس ta'sīs
- 3 (a) Kodak (b) IBM (c) Mobil (d) Michelin (e) Peugeot

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- 1 (a) al-9irăq Iraq (b) al-qăhira Cairo (c) sharika company
 - (d) mumkin possible (e) ziyāra visit (f) idārī administrative
 - (g) mumaththilin representatives (h) as-sūrīyīn the Syrians
 - (j) maḥkama law-court (k) ajnabī foreign (m) madāris schools
 - (n) al-intikhābāt the elections

مدارس، مشاكل، مطاعم، عواصم، مبالغ، محاكم أسابيع، أساليب بيوت، خطوط، ظروف، بنوك أخبار، أرقام، أموال، أفكار

مدراء، وزراء، وكلاء

- (a) سوريين (b) إيرانيين (c) مصريين (d) عراقيين (a) كويتيين
- (a) البنايات (b) السفارات (c) مستشفيات (d) كمبيوترات
 - (e) إوتيلات (f) معلمات (g) المطارات
 - شركات (k) إمكانيات (m) الزيارات (n) انتخابات

- (a) taqdīm verbal noun (b) rākib active participle
 - (c) murăsil active participle (d) indhār verbal noun
 - (e) musta9lim active participle (f) shāmil active participle
 - (g) iftități verbal noun (h) sâmi9 active participle
 - (j) mudarris active participle (k) istithmär verbal noun
- (a) مناسبة (b) انتخابي (c) مقررين (d) عمّال (e) تنظيم
 - (a) مفتش mufattish inspector. تفتيش taftīsh inspection
 - ishtirāk مشترك (b) مشترك mushtarik joint, common, اشتراك participation
 - irsal despatch ارسال mursil sender مرسل (c)
 - (d) مساعدة musā9id assistant, مساعدة musā9ada help
 - istiqbal reception استقبال (e) مستقبل
- (a) al-istiqbāl (b) madrasa li-l-banāt (c) mişr wa-l-9irāq
 - (d) īrān (e) al-qāhira

- 1 (a) şiḥāfatna l-'usbū9īya our weekly press
 - (b) ihtijäjäthum aţ-ţawīla their long objections
 - (c) az-zumala' al-fannīyīn the technical colleagues
 - (d) suḥuf 9arabīya Arab(ic) newspapers
 - (e) bank ajnabī a foreign bank
- (a) مدرسة ابتدائية (b) المطار الوطني (c) تقاريره اليومية (d) لزوارنا الأجانب (e) انتخابات عامة
- (a) رسالات طويلة (b) التقارير الفنية (c) ممثلين أجانب (d) الطائرات الأميركية (e) خطوط جوية

- 1 (a) wazīfatu sa9ba. His job is difficult.
 - (b) al-mu'tamar at-tijārī hāmm.

 The trade conference is important.
 - (c) al-wuzarā' moujūdūn. The ministers are present.
 - (d) aṣ-ṣūra jamīla. The picture/photograph is beautiful.
 - (e) aș-sūra l-jamīla the beautiful picture/photograph
- al-muwazzafūn masrūrūn الموظفون مسرورون. (a) الموظفون مسرورون. (The employees are pleased.
 - (b) مطارنا الدولي هام. maṭārna d-duwalī hāmm.
 Our international airport is important.
 - (c) هو تاجر دولي. huwa tājir duwalī.

 He is an international trader.
 - (d) النص واضع ومقبول. an-nass wāḍiḥ wa-maqbūl.

 The text is clear and acceptable.
 - (e) المأمور مشغول. al-ma'mūr mashghūl. The official is busy.
- 3 (a) موظف wazīfa job (b) موظف muwazzaf employee
 - (c) مندوب mandūb delegate (d) غائب ghā 'ib absent
 - (e) الخبراء al-khubarā' the experts

- 1 (a) mamnū9 al-intizār WAITING PROHIBITED
 - (b) fi l-balad in (the) town
 - (c) fi l-bilad in the towns/in the country
 - (d) ashghāl 9ala ţ-ṭarīq road works ('works on the road')
 - (e) al-murûr ila l-yamîn turning right
- (a) سيّارات جديدة (b) أشغال هامّة (c) الشّرطة المحلّية (d) مستشفيات كبيرة (e) مشاكل فنّية
- (a) al-ma'mūr al-mas'ūl the responsible official; Description
 - (b) al-ma'mūrūn hum al-mas'ūlūn The officials are those responsible ('the responsible ones'). Equation
 - (c) al-bilad jamil The country is beautiful. Equation
 - (d) zamīlī fi l-mustashfa My colleague is in hospital. Equation
 - (e) zamīlī I-marīd my sick colleague; Description

- (a) + (g) وزارة التجارة wizārat at-tijāra Ministry of Trade, definite
 - (a) + (j) وزارة الخارجية wizārat al-khārijīya Ministry of Foreign Affairs, definite
 - (b) + (f) مدير الشركة mudīr a<u>sh-sh</u>arika

 The company director, definite
 - (b) + (g) مدير التجارة mudīr at-tijāra Director of Trade, definite
 - (b) + (h) مدير الجمرك mudīr al-jumruk Director of Customs, definite
 - (b) + (j) مدير الخرجية mudīr al-khārijīya Director of Foreign Affairs, definite
 - (c) + (f) مكتب الشركة maktab ash-sharika the company office, definite
 - (c) + (g) مكتب التجارة maktab at-tijāra Trade Office, definite
 - (c) + (h) مكتب الجمرك maktab al-jumruk Customs Office, definite

- (c) + (j) مكتب الخارجية maktab al-khārijīya

 Office of Foreign Affairs, definite
- (c) + (k) مكتب زميل maktab zamīl a colleague's office, indefinite
- (d) + (g) دائرة التجارة dā'irat at-tijāra Directorate of Trade, definite
- (d) + (h) دائرة الجمرك dā'irat al-jumruk Customs Directorate, definite
- (d) + (j) دائرة الخارجية dā'irat al-khārijīya Directorate of Foreign Affairs, definite
- (e) + (f) مشاكل الشركة mashākil ash-sharika the company's problems, definite
- (e) + (g) مشاكل التجارة mashākil at-tijāra the problems of trade, definite
- (e) + (h) مشاكل الجمرك mashākil al-jumruk (the) Customs problems, definite
- (e) + (j) مشاكل الخارجية mashākil al-khārijīya (the) Foreign Affairs problems, definite
- (e) + (k) مشاكل زميل mashākil zamīl a colleague's problems, indefinite
- 2 (a) مدراء mudarā' (b) مدراء taqrīr (c) انتظار intiẓār
 - (d) إضراب idrāb (e) مسؤول mas'ūl
- 3 (a) التأمين للبيت الجديد at-ta'mīn li-l-bayt al-jadīd the insurance of the new house
 - (b) السيارة لزميلي المصري as-sayyāra li-zamīlī l-miṣrī my Egyptian colleague's car
 - (c) المشاكل للقسم الإداري al-mashākil li-l-qism al-'idārī Administration Department's problems
 - (d) في المكتب للجمرك fi l-maktab li-l-jumruk in the Customs Office
 - (e) شركة للتأمين sharika li-t-ta'mīn an insurance company

- (a) مشاكل كبيرة mashākil kabīra big problems
 - (b) زوار أجانب zuwwār ajānib foreign visitors
 - (c) مدراء وموظفينون mudarā' wa-muwazzafīn/muwazzafūn directors and employees
 - (d) عمال عرب 9ummāl 9arab Arab workers
 - (e) مأمورين مصريين\مأمورون مصريون ma'mūrīn miṣrīyīn/ ma'mūrūn miṣrīyūn Egyptian officials

- (a) sitt(a) asābī9 six weeks
 - (b) khamsmīt riyāl five hundred riyals
 - (c) fi s-sā9a th-thāmina at eight o'clock
 - (d) khamst9ashar bi-l-mīya fifteen per cent
 - (e) 9ishrin jinayhan misriyan twenty Egyptian pounds
 - (f) fī sanat alf u-tisa9mīya u-tis9a u-tis9īn in 1999
 - (g) jinayhayn two pounds
 - (h) ba9d as-sā9a s-sābi9a wa n-nişf after seven-thirty
 - (j) sabāḥan a.m./in the morning
 - (k) thalātha tālāf līra three thousand lira
- (a) as-sa9a th-thamina wa-r-rub9 a quarter past eight
 - (b) as-sā9a r-rābi9a illa th-thulth twenty to four
 - (c) as-sā9a th-thāniya 9ashara wa-khamsa u-9ishrīn twenty-five past twelve

- (a) اليمني (the) Yemeni (b) عماني Omani (c) قطري Qatari
 - (d) المغربي (the) Moroccan (e) موريتاني Mauritanian
- (a) 97 = £ × Y£ sitta u-tis9īn
 - (b) 1 · = " : 1 A · sittin
 - (c) V . = A0 100 sab9in
 - (d) 4 = Y + W + £ tis9a
- (e) $f r \Lambda = /0 f \ell \cdot thamāniya u-thalāthīn jinayh$

- 1 (a) Dubai 36 (b) Damascus 87 (c) Abu Dhabi 80 (d) Beirut 59
- 2 Left: Market, Ministries, Parliament Right: Airport Straight on: National University, Technical Schools, Girls' Secondary School
- (a) Stop behind the Line
 (b) No Smoking
 (c) No Entry
 (d) Please Wait Here
- (a) Abdel Nasser (9abd an-nāsir) Street (b) Independence Square
 (c) District no. 6 (d) New Palace Street
- 5 (a) sharikāt barīţānīya fi l-ma9rid az-zirā9ī British Companies in Agricultural Exhibition
 - (b) al-kull didd taqsīm al-9irāq All are against the partition of
 - (c) al-9alāqāt al-'isrā'īlīya-al-'amayrkīya Israeli-American Relations
- (a) A bus ticket from Tripoli (Lebanon) to Beirut. The fare is 3500 Lebanese lira (J.J), the date 5/6/1999 and the serial number 8456.
 (b) Note issued by the Bank of Lebanon, value 1000 lira, serial number 9205319 T3/7. The text reads: bayrūt fī thnayn u-9ishrīn tishrīn ath-thānī sanat alf u-tisa9mīya u-tis9īn. Beirut, 22 November 1990.
- 7 (a) and (j) taftīsh as-sayyārāt
 - (b) and (k) mamnūn min musā9adatak
 - (c) and (g) fi s-suq
 - (d) and (f) as-sayyid abū ḥasanayn
 - (e) and (h) min bayrūt ila 9ammān
- 8 as-sayyid Brown: as-sāi'q abū bakr ḥāḍir fi s-sā9a s-sābi9a wa-n-niṣf ṣabāḥan li-ziyārat al-gīza. Mr Brown: Driver Abu Bair ready at 7.30 a.m. for the visit to ('of') Giza.
- أبو بكر، بلدية، سفارة تونس، شلّ لبنان، غرفة التجارة، 9 مجلس الثقافة، مدرسة ثانوية، المكتبة الحديثة، نجم، هذا. ة المالية
- 10 Search in the order shown:

عفر، شرکة، أوتوبیس، باص، نقل (b) سفارة، کویت و رئیس، منیر، شرکة (c) مطعم، نور و رئیس، منیر، شرکة (c) مطعم، نور

VOCABULARIES

both these vocabularies:

- Entries are referred by number to the page with the first and other important appearances of the Arabic word.
- Arabic irregular plurals are listed with the singular. Where no plural is shown, it is regular.
- The command form of the verb (pages 94 and 95) is shown with '!' after the English, for clarity.

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this vocabulary, you can find the alphabetical order of the Arabic and non-alphabetical signs on pages 52 and 53. Further, in this meabulary:

- Arabic irregular plurals are also listed separately with a reference (marked '→') to the singular.

- 4	ab ābā' father 7	أبو ظبي	abū zabī Abu Dhabi 118
-	āb August 7, 115	أبواب	اب باب →
آبا ء	أب →	أبيض	بحر⊢
ابتداء	ibtidā'	أثاث	athath furniture 7
	beginning 34	أثلاث	ثلث →
ابتدائي	ibtida'i initial,	اثنين	ithnayn two 10, 109
	primary 37		al-ithnayn الاثنين
أبريل	abrīl April 115		Monday 115
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